

LOCAL I-S NEWS

for department store workers

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CONTRACT TALKS ON; MACY CALLS TERMS "OUTRAGEOUS"

Negotiations for a wage increase, shorter hours, a pension plan and better working conditions got under way with a roar as Fred Fischer, Macy's chief bargainer proclaimed the Union's demands "outrageous" and, with a straight

face said he was "sorry" to see that every one of them "will cost Macy's money". Acting as though he didn't think the Union's officers and other representatives could answer his questions, Fischer asked, "What possible justification does the Union have for demanding a wage increase?"

"Why a demand for a 35-hour week?" "Why a \$100 a month pension plan plus Social Security?"

Then, forgetting that Macy's management had told its stockholders that the future is bright, Mr. Fischer said, "Your Committee has been careful in its consideration of the contract, but not of Macy's situation. 'We have lost volume', he said. 'We have lost our share of the market. We have had to cut dividends. The long range forecast is gloomy.' He ended with, 'This is your business. What are you trying to do to us.'"

Retorted Vice President Phil Hoffstein, "Year after year we've listened to you cry, but when business was better than you expected you've never said 'here fellows, we made more so we're giving you more'. At negotiations time you want to make us your 'partners'. The rest of the year you tell us you want to run the business anyway you please."

All Justified

"We confess", said attorney Asher Schwartz. "Some items do call for increased cost, some for different operating methods. These changes are modifications of the contract based on our experience with the way present contractual restrictions have worked in the last three years."

"But nothing was put into our demands that does not have a good reason for it. We are demanding a wage increase because the economic structure of industry as a whole has risen and we aim to get our share of it."

"We think a pension plan is very important. The workers have a right to a pension commensurate with the standard of living they ought to expect based on the employment they have had."

While Macy's lawyer, Mr. Donald Smiley told the negotiators that the "cost of a \$100 a month pension plan would exceed the total profit of last year" and that it would "bankrupt the company" (a claim later denied by Fred Fischer), President Sam Kovenetsky went to the heart of the problem.

He said, "Our demands are based on the needs of the people."

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Local I-S and Macy's were even further apart on the Union's demands than Fred Fischer (far end of the table) and negotiators were at first meeting. Flat "NO!" set strike talk humming throughout store.

Defense Fund A Big Weapon in Pay Talks

Each passing month is witness to the steady growth of the Local I-S Defense Fund. Since November, when the first payments were made, the Union's membership has grown increasingly aware of the major importance of the Fund, both as a defensive and an offensive weapon.

Starting with the understanding that the entire fund would be returned to them if they did not consider it necessary to vote for and carry out a strike action, the membership responded almost unanimously to the job of arming themselves for the current negotiations.

The isolated individuals who did not respond immediately to the decision of the membership have already been, or soon will be, noted that their failure to participate as equals in the building of the Defense Fund, will lead to automatic suspension from Local I-S and loss of the benefits of membership.

In those cases where notification has already been given, most delinquent members have lost no time placing themselves in good standing. The net result is that a unified membership is carrying through a job that some pessimists could never be done.

Now, in the fifth month of building the Fund, there are more people working at it and contributing to it than ever before.

Following a recent study of the departmental figures, President Sam Kovenetsky said, "I think it is a credit to the members of our Union that they have worked so steadfastly to build their Defense Fund. In so many organizations the first month or two are the high marks, and then a decline sets in. We started off in high gear in November and we're still going strong. I'm sure that there will be no let down until a new better contract is signed!"

attention!

Change of Meeting Notice

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 7 P.M.

(Changed from Tuesday, April 7)

MANHATTAN CENTER

34th Street & 8th Avenue

\$2 Assessment to the Welfare Fund for unexcused absence

Admission by 1953 Union Card Only

Sabotage !!

Just four days after Macy's gave their flat "No!" answer to the Union's demands, and under the thin disguise of 'answering a worker's question', the company made its first move against the growing Defense Fund.

In a desperate bid to sabotage the offensive and defensive weapon members of Local I-S have been fashioning since last November, Macy's issued a leaflet advising executives to let the workers know that the company would stand by them if they agreed to cut their own throats.

What the company's message did not say was that the Union's

members had voted to build the Fund as a means of pressuring the company into giving a decent raise and granting their other just demands.

The company's attempt to scuttle the Defense Fund was timed with their decision to reject the Union's demands and was obviously undertaken in the hope that they could weaken the Union as the show-down nears.

Said President Sam Kovenetsky, "I am fully confident that the members will give their answer in the form of continued Defense Fund payments. That is the language Macy's understands and fears."

Back Pay Won As 1-S Finds Macy 'Error'

Just in case you are wondering how and why it is that Macy's makes the mistake of underpaying, but never of overpaying, let us say that we still don't know the answer—but we do have further proof that it's true.

Carrie Ellis celebrated St. Patrick's Day of 1952 by being hired into Macy's Glassware Department. That employment date made her eligible for the \$2.75 raise ordered by Arbitrator Emanuel Stein which applied, according to the decision of Arbitrator Theodore Kheel, to all people who had been in the store thirty days or more as of May 2, 1952.

When the raise and retroactive pay was handed out, Carrie stood empty handed. Macy's thoughtfully provided a form for those who felt they were unjustly left out in the cold to fill out. Carrie, feeling very chilly, did just that—and then began to wait. She waited, and waited and waited, and then hit on the right answer.

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Union Mobilizes For Victory — See Page 3 Story

BRANCH STORE NEWS

PARKCHESTER

Our sick list has been mounting lately. We'd better get the vitamins out again. Speedy recovery to Rose Lotrario (P7); Regina Wager and Lillian Branca of P12 and Dolly Dolan who is back in the hospital again. We're all praying for you, Mom . . . a little cheerful news for a change. Doris Godnick is going to be one of those things called a "Mother-in-Law". Her lovely daughter is going to take the fatal step . . . A few transfers have been made. Andrew Ferrante moves from P2 to P10, Al Smith from P10 to P2 and Virginia Ramsauer from P7 to P12 . . . Between the executive changes and the salespeople moving I'm a bit confused as to who is where. Please keep me posted . . . We may all have a big job ahead of us in the near future. A happy ending to negotiations will depend on the best cooperation possible. Whether it's paying the Defense Fund month by month or working with or backing up the Mobilization Committee, it's all a way of saying that we will know very well what to do with more money and fewer hours on the job and better working conditions. It's to our advantage to do these things and do them well . . . I wish some people would either report the news or, if there's nothing to report, go out and make some—this column needs it!



Margaret Lyons

FLATBUSH



Mel Melnyk

As the seasons change, we look forward to the pleasant days of spring and getting the feeling that it's great to be alive. So, as seasons change so do our living conditions, our jobs, and our pattern of life. Unfortunately, to most of us, the realization of good living revolves around our job conditions and our wages. That's exactly why we are negotiating with management—for a contract that will insure these goals. Back from Florida are Etta Lieberman and Dorothy Kaye. M-m-m dig those healthy looking tans . . . The proud grandpa from the Shoe Dept. is Abe Kaufman. Just ask him about his grandson—Abe is also celebrating his 30th Wedding Anniversary—congratulations, Mr. Kaufman . . . Sylvia Talal and Helen McGrath, both in hospitals. Get well soon girls . . . Jack Luciano is now assisting Sam Schwartz with the Credit Union . . . Men's Bowling Club now going into its 13th week, with Oscar Miettinen, Sy Babenco and Pete Schaefer, the three top bowlers . . . Have heard that Anita Gioconda, planning to wed real soon. Wonderful. Best of Luck, Anita . . . Happy Easter to you all . . .

WHITE PLAINS

Probably the most important single piece of news from White Plains is the spirit and determination with which our volunteers have tackled the job of building our Mobilization Committee, in preparation for "come what may." We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a meeting of more than 30 members all ready and willing to roll up their sleeves and get to work. Our Education Director, Dick Pastor, came up and helped us get the ball rolling. He outlined the functions of Entire Mobilization Committee on a Union-wide basis, and then gave us the details of the job each of the sub-groups has. When finished, we set about assigning our volunteers to the jobs for which they are best fitted. The end result of our evening of work was a team that was ready to go to work to eliminate the dangers of physical and economic hardship in the event of a strike. Elected as the White Plains representatives to the Executive Council of the Mobilization Committee were Joe Cohen, Chairman, Bill Woods, Vice Chairman and Aaron Okun, Secretary. They will keep us posted on what the rest of the Union is doing and also keep the Union fully up to date on all our activity . . . Hand in hand with the Mobilization Committee is the job of building and maintaining our Defense Fund. With negotiations under way, and with the company saying "no" to our demands it is more urgent than ever that we all be fully paid. Let's go!

JAMAICA

Our congratulations and best wishes to Gloria Incandela and Richard Martino. They are to become engaged on Easter Sunday . . . Mrs. Angeline McGeady expresses her thanks and gratitude to the Welfare Board for the card and gift sent her while out ill. And it's real nice to have her back . . . Henry Link from the Roof, Marie Rannbury of J19, Lillian Sauer of J7 and Frances Hall of J19 are all out ill. Hope you'll all be back with us soon and in the pink . . . Glad to see Jean Merlo, former Packer-Cashier moved up to J8 selling . . . Margie Gabso, J10, sure has spring fever. It took only the couple of nice days we had and then one day, when she was ready to eat, she discovered she had brought a pound of butter from home instead of her lunch! . . . The girls in J7 have just organized a roller skating party and have asked me to alert all chiropractors in the vicinity, because there might be a few misplaced bones . . . Lots of buzzing about the big top-level changes that are taking place . . . Always said there was more security in a staff job protected by the Union! . . . Defense Fund and Mobilization Committee are the order of the day—so let's keep both of them rolling and growing, there's a plenty tough job ahead.



Alfred Chiarella

Contract Talks...

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With Mr. Dewey and the legislators in Washington running rampant we feel that our demands simply meet those needs. Every department store worker and management is watching what we do here, because they all have a stake in the outcome.

"Everyone knows that business is good enough for the President of Macy's to vote himself a nice raise, and for executives to retire

on handsome pensions. Don't tell us about Loeser's when everyone knows a group of financiers went in to make a killing, which they did, even though they killed the business, too.

"We are concerned with the people who work for Macy's, and for them a raise, a pension plan, a 35-hour week and better conditions are necessities. We aim to win them!"

As the membership became aware of the flat "no!" answer by way of a Union leaflet, strong sentiment in favor of an early strike vote began to become apparent. Advocates of such a course reasoned that it would greatly strengthen the hands of the Union's officers and negotiators and that it would save valuable time at a crucial moment by placing the power to call a strike in the hands of the Local's Executive Board. The Board was about to meet as this issue of the Local I-S NEWS went to press.

LORD & TAYLOR WORKERS AIDED BY NLRB RULING

The National Labor Relations Board gave the organizing drive at Lord & Taylor a big shot in the arm when it ordered the anti-union management to stop interfering with the right of the workers to join the United Department Store Workers.

The Board upheld the complaint of the Union that the Lord & Taylor management was coercing its employees in an attempt to keep them from joining. To prove its point, the Union brought to the witness stand workers who proved that the company had threatened them with the loss of certain privileges if the store was organized. Also proved was the fact that individuals and groups of workers were cornered by executives, on company time, and questioned about why they supported the union or warned of the consequences of joining.

Local I-S President Sam Kovnetsky, who is also Vice Chairman and Director of Organization of the National United Department Store Workers Union, hailed the victory over Lord & Taylor and said:

"We would never expect any management to 'like' a union that is determined to fight for the rights and needs of its workers. We were not surprised at the lengths to which Lord & Taylor went to keep us out of the store. But we are very pleased that the Labor Board saw through the company's tactics and ordered them to 'cease and desist'.

"Lord & Taylor is one of those stores which, because they are unorganized at present, tend to hold back all other workers—organized and unorganized alike. It is natural for management to put as many stumbling blocks in the path of the workers as they can, because they know that organization will cost them money in the form of higher pay, health plans and the like.

"Our job is to help the workers blast those obstacles out of the way. The decision of the Board is just such a blast—the effect of which has been to give the workers new strength and confidence.

"At this point I would strongly urge any member of Local I-S who either has friends working in Lord and Taylor or who goes into that store for any reason, to do all they can to encourage the workers there to join the United Department Store Workers Union for real security, higher pay and still better working conditions."

**FREE
LEGAL AID CLINIC
at the
UNION OFFICE
Every Wednesday
5 to 7 P.M.**

Credit Union Audits Books

In a regular audit of its books, the Local I-S Federal Credit Union is mailing statements of balance to its membership of more than 1,500 depositors.

Credit Union Treasurer Jack Schultz urges every member to examine his statement and his pass book to make sure that they tally. Any differences should be reported to the Credit Union immediately.

Schultz also reminded depositors that, "Many inactive accounts have been earning interest steadily, but that interest has not been entered in the pass book. Any Credit Union member who had five dollars or more on deposit during 1951 or 1952 has received interest at the rate of 2½% for 1951 and 3% for 1952. The amount earned will be properly entered if the member will bring his book to the Credit Union."

The Local I-S Credit Union's steady growth is, day-by-day, making a better place in which to save and from which to borrow. More and more men and women are discovering that their deposits are as safe in the Credit Union as in any other bank and that they earn a higher rate of interest. Others are discovering that the simple and friendly loan service is tops. Become a partner in the Credit Union. Open your account TODAY.

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local I-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office within 30 days from the end of the month in which you leave the store.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time!

New Board

The following are the members elected to the Executive Board at Divisional Meetings held up to March 20th:

Jamaica

Anthony LaSavia
Edward Hansel
Virginia Braunberg

White Plains

James Heleringer
Peter Gilhooley
Helen Ruderman

Parkchester

Florence Donohue
Alfred Smith
Catherine Hallihan

Flatbush

Frieda Pariser
Jay Hirsch
Tom Ferguson

Basement

Lou Cotti
Eleanor Phillips
Tony Shostak

Street Floor

May Fisher
Ann Brown
Iris Carter

Second Floor

Ann Gutowsky
Sam Levine
Ann Arata*

3rd Floor

Ceil Curry
Esther Greenberg
Katherine Blatt

4th Floor

Mary Boyd
Mary Schlachtman
Beatrice Montgomery

6th Floor

Morris Telzer
Earl Fulford
Dick Vaughn

7th Floor

Robert Phillips
Elizabeth Hammond
Joseph Dell Armo

8th Floor

Charles Boyd
Marion Cook
Terry Proto*

9th Floor

John Gates
Ada Tracey*
Ruby Kaplan*

Passenger Elevators

Harry Webster

Food Depts.

Rose Novak
Catherine Healy

Housekeeping

Patrick Ryan
Raymond Peer

Comparison

Madeline Lawder

Adv.-Display and Bureau of Standards

John Malone

Supply-FSM

Joseph Bauman

Receiving

Max Wald
Alphonso Ramsey
Daniel Maloney

Professional

Josephine Betty

Packing

Paul Meriadec
Eugene Arcery
Helene Roberts

Controllers

David Krakauer
Mary Markowitz
Joe Petro

Manufacturing

Harry Leibowitz
George Karondy
James Lee*

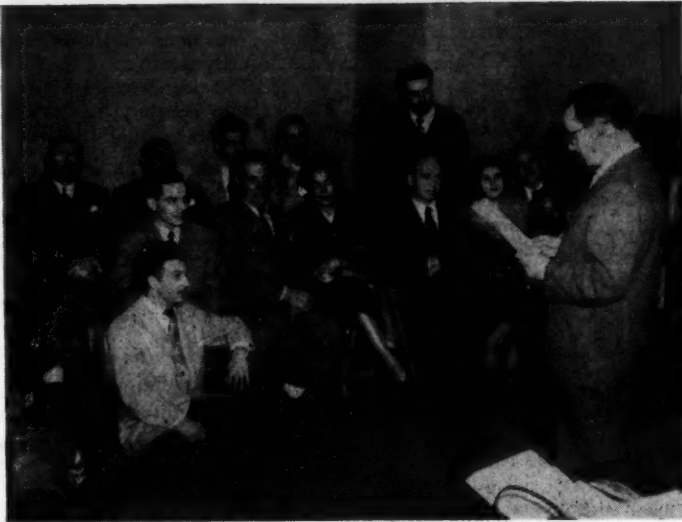
Adjustment Service

Olga Moscatelli
Helen Broderick
Terry Martines

*On Floor Committee but not on the Executive Board.

Mobilization Committee Gears For All-Out Action

Picket Committee



The Picket Captains Committee is responsible for the preparation of picket schedules and duty rosters and the planning and supervision of effective picketing. All their work is aimed at providing maximum guarantees that all workers and potential customers respect the workers in their fight for contract improvements.

Since they must be ready to swing into action at a moment's notice, the Picket Captains Committee is rushing its work of dividing the membership into shifts and squads capable of forcing Macy's to act reasonably at the bargaining table.

Elected by the Committee to posts on the Executive Council of the Mobilization Committee were: Robert McLean, Chairman; John Duffy, Vice Chairman and Ethel Silverberg, Secretary.

Welfare Committee



The Welfare Committee has the big assignment of trying to avert serious economic and physical hardship to the membership during a strike.

The Committee is already at work obtaining guarantees of full medical care, including the possible establishment of a clinic at Union headquarters. Professional dietitians are being consulted as to the best means of filling food baskets for the needy, and other experts are being called in to help expedite the handling of I-S cases through other Welfare agencies while a strike is in progress.

All sources of possible aid are being advised in advance of the possibilities of a strike and are being asked to pledge full and immediate cooperation.

Elections to the Executive Council will be held at the Committee's next meeting.

Strike Committee



Meeting jointly because of the close relationship of their jobs, the Strike and the Record and Clerical Committee began to set up a vast control system to record each member's strike activity.

Immediate aim of the Strike Committee is to prepare necessary forms for the payment of such strike benefits as the Local I-S Executive Board may decide.

The Record and Clerical Committee has the job of establishing a record system of participation and aid needed and given.

The Strike Committee voted to have the following members represent it on the Executive Council of the Mobilization Committee: Joseph Keyes, Chairman; Arthur Karagosian, Vice Chairman and Frances Tobinski, Secretary.

The Record and Clerical Committee elected Louise Agnelli, Ruth Schiff and Rose Novak.

Headquarters and Recreation Committee



The Headquarters Committee and the Recreation Committee have much in common since they are both responsible for phases of the morale and comfort of the Union's membership.

The Headquarters Committee, at its first meeting, began to lay the plans that will lead to a Strike Kitchen capable of preparing snacks or light meals.

The Recreation Committee, in its turn, has begun to tackle the job of lining up motion pictures, games and reading material around which to develop a full recreation program.

Elected by the Recreation Committee were: Bob Enoch, Chairman, Ceil Curry, Vice Chairman and Katrina Newman, Secretary.

Elected by the Headquarters Committee were: Elizabeth MacNamarra, Chairman, James Morgan, Vice Chairman and Minnie De Rosa, Secretary.

The Local I-S mobilization effort slipped quietly into high gear in mid-March as more than 200 workers in Herald Square and the Branch Stores met and began to build an apparatus that would both administer to the needs of the membership and close Macy's stores down tight in the event of a strike.

At each of the meetings the men and women who have volunteered to give up their quiet evenings at home in order to effectively back up their negotiators at the bargaining table, began to tackle the tough job at hand.

The Herald Square meeting of the Mobilization Committee was opened by President Sam Kovenetsky, who presented the group with a description of the negotiations background against which they were working and told them that:

"The Mobilization Committee has a very special and urgent part to play in connection with negotiations. Only to the extent that we are fully prepared for any eventuality can we move ahead without fear. It is the responsibility of this Committee to see that we are fully prepared."

Vice President Phil Hoffstein impressed upon the Committee members the new aspects of negotiations which have developed as a result of the decontrolling of prices and the efforts to end rent controls. "These legislative attacks on our living standards", he said, "make it more important than ever that we be ready for an all-out fight for the things we want and need."

Introduced by President Kovenetsky as the Union staff member responsible for organization of the Mobilization Committee, Education Director Dick Pastor termed

the volunteers "architects of victory" and told them that, "When you have completed the work you are about to begin the entire membership will be able to vote for a strike, if need be, with absolute freedom from fear of the consequences. You, as a group, will remove fear by planning the elimination of hardship and by planning the complete organization of a strike if such a course is the only one left to us."

Committee Functions

The Local's Education Director then went on to outline the functions of each of the sub-groups of the Mobilization Committee and the procedures to be followed in blueprinting a strike organization.

Following the briefing session each of the groups, described elsewhere on this page, met separately to begin to plan its work and to schedule further working meetings.

Executive Council

Before adjourning their first meeting most of the sub-groups elected three members to represent them on the Executive Council, which will serve as a coordinating and top control committee for all the groups in Herald Square and the outlying stores.

The first meeting of the Executive Council was scheduled to be held just as this issue of the Local I-S NEWS went to press.

Branch Stores

By press time both the Parkchester and White Plains Mobilization Committees had met and begun to function.

In Parkchester Joe Lasker was elected Chairman, Andy Feliccia, Vice Chairman and Margaret Lyons, Secretary.

White Plains elected Joe Cohen, Chairman, Bill Woods, Vice Chairman and Aaron Okun, Secretary.

Record and Clerical Committee



Publicity Committee

The Publicity Committee is gearing itself for the dual task of keeping the Local I-S membership fully informed of day-to-day and even hour-to-hour developments and of keeping the public advised of all the issues involved in a strike.

The Committee aims to write, produce and distribute leaflets, signs and bulletins, and use radio

and television, the Local I-S NEWS and all other avenues available to it.

In New York, long regarded as a "union town", it is considered possible to quickly win the support of the public by bringing them the facts.

Executive Council representatives will be elected at the Committee's next meeting.

Procurement Committee

The Procurement Committee has the big task of soliciting contributions of merchandise from retailers, wholesalers and other Unions. It also has the job of soliciting cash gifts from other Unions for the purchase of necessary supplies that cannot be gotten as contributions.

Working closely with the Welfare and the Headquarters Com-

mittee, the Procurement Committee will be responsible for filling the needs of both. This will mean keeping the pantry of the Strike Kitchen well stocked, as well as making available the supplies needed to fill food baskets for needy members.

Since illness kept a number of volunteer committee members away, election of officers was postponed until the next meeting.

Grievance: All The Facts Fit To Print

The following grievance is being reprinted in full since it tells how one department favorably settled a fairly common problem.

On February 24, Shop Steward Al Greenwald of 20 Department wrote:

"We object to the constant pressure put on us by our Supervisor, Miss Palumbo. Her remarks and police action are unnecessary and uncalled for. Her attitude towards the clerks in the department is causing disorder and irritation. We ask that this matter be taken care of immediately. In example—remark to Mr. Greenwald to 'stay in his aisle' when Mr. Greenwald had flexed to another aisle to service customer. Remark to Mr. Schultz, 'How long does it take you to get a pair of shoes?' Remark to Mrs. Schwartz, 'Stop talking.' Remark to Mr. Vaughan, 'You are working here, aren't you?' etc."

Supervisor Replies

To these grievances, Supervisor Palumbo replied:

"1. An attempt to give good customer service by checking floor coverage, lunch sheet, shoe reserve, etc. is, I do not believe, police action.

"2. (a) Mr. Greenwald's effort to service a customer in another aisle is commendable, however, it

left his aisle uncovered. Mr. Greenwald tells me circumstances made it inadvisable to ask the customer to step around to his aisle. This is very possible and Mr. Greenwald used good judgment. I would have appreciated Mr. Greenwald telling me the facts at the time.

"(b) My inquiry to Mr. Schultz was a point of information which I should have asked of one of the merchandising executives.

"(c) An attempt to break up a group of two or more people by informally saying 'stop talking' is another attempt to provide good customer service. I agree my choice of words may have been wrong.

"(d) My inquiry to Mr. Vaughan 'You are working here, aren't you?' was asked merely to check my floor plan positions according to aisles."

The End

Two days after filing the grievance Floor Committee Secretary Dick Vaughan wrote the last words:

"There was never a question of coverage on any of these points and Steward Greenwald and Secretary Vaughan in meeting on 2-26-53 with Miss Palumbo told her this. It was a question of her attitude and she admitted it and apologized."



Ellen Cooper

Tall Story

This is a "tall story", but every inch of it is true.

David Cooper (Davis) of the Furniture Department says he and his wife didn't know a thing about it until their daughter Ellen was notified that she was winner of the second prize in a national "tell why in 50 words or less" contest.

Ellen, twenty, pretty, a Brooklyn College co-ed, and engaged to marry in May told the Mayfair Magazine contest editors that the "advantage of being tall" is that "best of all I can kiss my fiancé good night with my head in the clouds and both my feet on the ground". Her answer won her a complete wardrobe and national publicity.

Oh—Ellen is five feet nine and three quarter inches tall. A lot of gal for her folks to be proud of!

MOPPING UP GOES ON AS UNION WINS \$2.75 FOR "INELIGIBLES"

The mopping-up operation continues. New cases of Union members unjustly deprived of the hard-won \$2.75 raise awarded by Arbitrator Stein continue to turn up for the Union to fight and win.

Most recent in the series were Isaac Pressler of 113 Jr. and Mildred Weiner of 171 Department.

Isaac had been hired on April 1952, layed-off on May 1st and called on May 22. Macy's attempted to do him out of his raise by arguing that he was not a "regular employee" on May 2. Administrator Mabel Murther argued that if he weren't a regular employee he would not have had recall rights to his job, but that Macy's had acknowledged his rights when they brought him back. Vice President Phil Hoffstein reinforced her argument with the flat statement that Local 1-S would fight right down the line for Pressler's raise and rights.

Macy's was finally forced to admit another "error" and to agree to pay Isaac Pressler his \$2.75 a week retroactive to May 22.

Mildred Weiner, who was hired on March 13, 1952, layed-off in July and recalled in August, was given the same "ineligible" argument by Macy's, but she too came out the winner — thanks to Local 1-S!

First Aid

Jack Fox, leading member of the Welfare Committee of the Mobilization Committee, has issued an urgent appeal to all Union members who have either completed first aid classes or who wish to join one to report to the Union office and leave their names and addresses immediately.

Said Mr. Fox, "Part of our preparation for a strike must include being ready to render whatever first aid may become necessary. We must be able to cope with whatever minor disabilities may occur. If you are qualified, or wish to be trained, we can use your help. Sign up TODAY!"

WELFARE BOARD

Meets

Second Tuesday

of

Every Month

7 P.M.

at the

UNION OFFICE

Back Pay...

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She went to Shop Steward Pat Simonelli with her story. Pat took it to Administrator Tony Puci, and Tony took it to Macy's Labor Relations Department. Under the pressure of the Union it took the company just an hour and a half to discover their "error" and to agree to correct it.

Thanks to Macy's "system" Carrie Ellis was short-changed week after week for close to five months. Thanks to the Union she will now receive more than \$100 in back pay.

TO THE EDITOR

KIND THOUGHT

I would like to say how much I appreciated your kind thought in sending me a nice gift and a get well card when I was in the hospital.

And as far as the Health Plan—mere words don't seem adequate enough to say what I think of it, so I will just say it is wonderful and a Godsend to anyone who has to use it.

One certainly can recuperate much faster when you don't have to worry over hospital and doctor bills.

I would also like to express my thanks to my co-workers in Department 157 for their nice gift and many lovely cards.

Once again, thanks — and the best of luck to Local 1-S, a union I am proud to be a member of.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Behrendt, 157 Dept.

MEANT SO MUCH

I want to thank the Union for the lovely gift and cards that were sent to me during my illness.

They meant so much.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Newcomb, W8

BUT NOTHING

Nothing could have pleased me more than the lovely bottle of cologne and the cards I received while out ill.

Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Frances Spaulding, W5A

BEST WISHES

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the lovely gift and card received while recuperating from an unfortunate accident. With best wishes for the further success of Local 1-S.

Sincerely,

Florence Stock, P10

I WOULD LIKE

I would like to have this letter published in the Union paper as an open "Thank You" to all who helped me get my FSS job back.

A very grateful "Thank You" to my alert co-workers Ruth Byrnes and Lou Cotti and Administrator Mabel Murther.

Sincerely,

Alice Morgan, FSS

CONSIDERATE

In this note I wish to thank you very sincerely for the check you had sent me towards paying my doctor bill.

All during my illness you have been most thoughtful, considerate and very kind. I will always be grateful to you.

I am sincerely yours,

Mary Portman, 139 Dept.

Blood Bank Drive Nears

Pledge sheets for the annual Blood Bank drive are now being prepared and will soon be circulating in every department of Herald Square and the Branch Stores. It is urgent, for your own sake and the security of your family, that you sign up and be ready to GIVE.

Those who are under eighteen years of age must have the written permission of a parent or guardian before they will be accepted. All who sign pledges will be scheduled to report to the Macy hospital, on company time. On reporting, competent Red Cross physicians will examine each volunteer to make sure that he or she is physically able to give to the Bank.

Aim of the Blood Bank Committee is to double last year's donations of more than 1,000 pints. Half of all blood collected is earmarked for the Armed Forces. Out of that, through processing, comes the Gamma Globulin that will be used preventively following exposure to Polio.

The half that remains in the Local 1-S Bank is available to all Union members, their husbands or wives and children under 18 at absolutely no cost.

The many lives and thousands of dollars already saved proves the value of the Bank. Its future is up to YOU. SIGN UP AND GIVE!

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